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[Reported by the Committee on the Library.]

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Nine.

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### AN ACT

In relation to the Public Documents.

*BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :*

1   SECT. 1. The public documents, hereafter printed,  
2 shall be arranged by the State printer into three  
3 series, as follows :—

4   The first series shall be denominated Massachu-  
5 setts State Documents, and shall embrace the Execu-  
6 tive Messages, the Election Sermon, those which

7 emanate from the offices of the secretary of state,  
8 the treasurer, the adjutant general, and other depart-  
9 ments of government; from the Board of Education,  
10 from public charitable institutions, from railroad cor-  
11 porations, and from such other corporations, institu-  
12 tions, and individuals, as are, or may be, required to  
13 report by the laws of the Commonwealth; and also  
14 such reports as may be made by special commission-  
15 ers appointed by the executive or the legislature, or  
16 by committees of the legislature which may sit dur-  
17 ing its recess.

18 The second series shall be denominated Massachu-  
19 setts Legislative Documents, and shall embrace such  
20 documents only as shall originate in the legislature  
21 during its session. This series shall be divided:  
22 those which are ordered to be printed by the Senate  
23 shall form one series, and those which are ordered to  
24 be printed by the House of Representatives shall  
25 form another series.

26 The third series shall be denominated Massachu-  
27 setts Acts and Resolves, and shall embrace the acts  
28 and resolves passed by the legislature.

1 SECT. 2. There shall be printed, of the first series,  
2 fifteen hundred copies; of the second series, one  
3 thousand copies; and, of the third series, seventeen  
4 hundred and fifty copies. The documents of each  
5 series shall be numbered consecutively, and each vol-  
6 ume shall be furnished with an index.

1 SECT. 3. All documents shall be delivered to the  
2 sergeant-at-arms, who shall distribute them as fol-  
3 lows:—

4 To each member of the legislature, regular con-

5 secutive files of each document of the first and  
6 second series, arranged for his daily use.

7 To the State library, one hundred and fifty copies  
8 of the first and third series, and one hundred copies  
9 of the second series, for the use of the library, and  
10 for exchanges with other governments and institu-  
11 tions, for their publications.

12 To the secretary of state, fifty copies of each series,  
13 and two hundred additional copies of those which  
14 emanate from his office, for the use of his office and  
15 for the governor and council; and one thousand  
16 copies of the third series for distribution, as provided  
17 for in the second chapter of the Revised Statutes.

18 To the clerks of the Senate and House of Repre-  
19 sentatives, each ten copies.

20 To the offices and institutions from which a docu-  
21 ment emanates, fifty copies of that particular docu-  
22 ment; and to each bank, insurance, and railroad  
23 corporation, two copies of those documents which  
24 relate to such corporations.

25 To the libraries of Harvard, Amherst, and Wil-  
26 liams College; the Antiquarian Society at Worces-  
27 ter; the Massachusetts Historical Society, and Ameri-  
28 can Statistical Association, at Boston; the Pilgrim  
29 Society at Plymouth; the theological institutions at  
30 Andover and Newton; the Boston, Roxbury, and  
31 Salem Athenæums, each one bound copy of each  
32 series, when completed, if the same are not already  
33 provided for in the second chapter of the Revised  
34 Statutes.

35 To the editor of each newspaper printed in the  
36 State, who shall request it, one copy of each docu-  
37 ment.

38 The remainder of the documents shall be retained  
39 or distributed according to the direction of the legis-  
40 lature, or otherwise, to serve the purpose of their  
41 publication.

1 SECT. 4. The clerk of each branch of the legisla-  
2 ture shall cause to be bound six copies of each se-  
3 ries, to be kept in his branch for the use of the  
4 members.

1 SECT. 5. This act shall take effect on and after  
2 the first day of July next; and the resolves of April  
3 25, 1838; of February 27, 1845; of March 6, 1845;  
4 of February 14, 1846; and all other acts and re-  
5 solves inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are  
6 hereby repealed.